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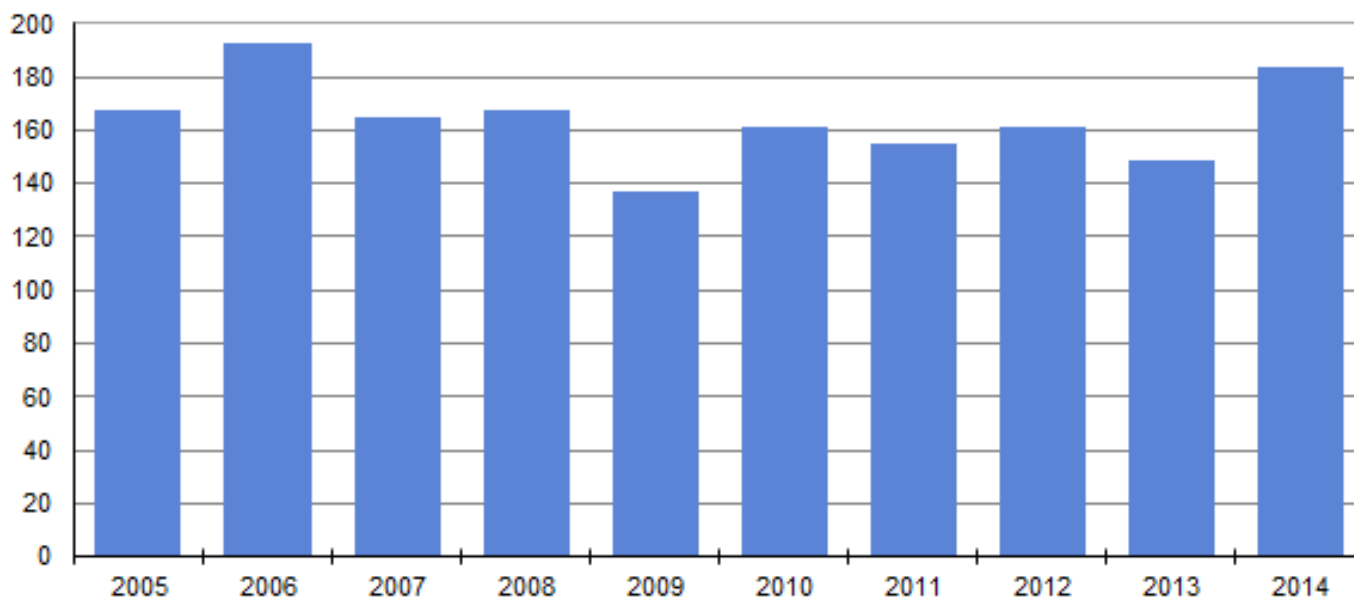
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## Fatal Work Injuries in Ohio — 2014

Fatal work injuries totaled 184 in 2014 for Ohio, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Charlene Peiffer noted that while the 2014 count was preliminary, the number of work-related fatalities in Ohio increased by 35 over the year. Fatal occupational injuries in the state have ranged from a high of 222 in 1999 to a low of 137 in 2009. (See [chart 1](#).)

Nationwide, a preliminary total of 4,679 fatal work injuries were recorded in 2014, up from a revised count of 4,585 fatalities in 2013, according to results from the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) program. Final 2014 CFOI data will be released in the late spring of 2016.

**Chart 1. Total fatal occupational injuries, Ohio, 2005–14**



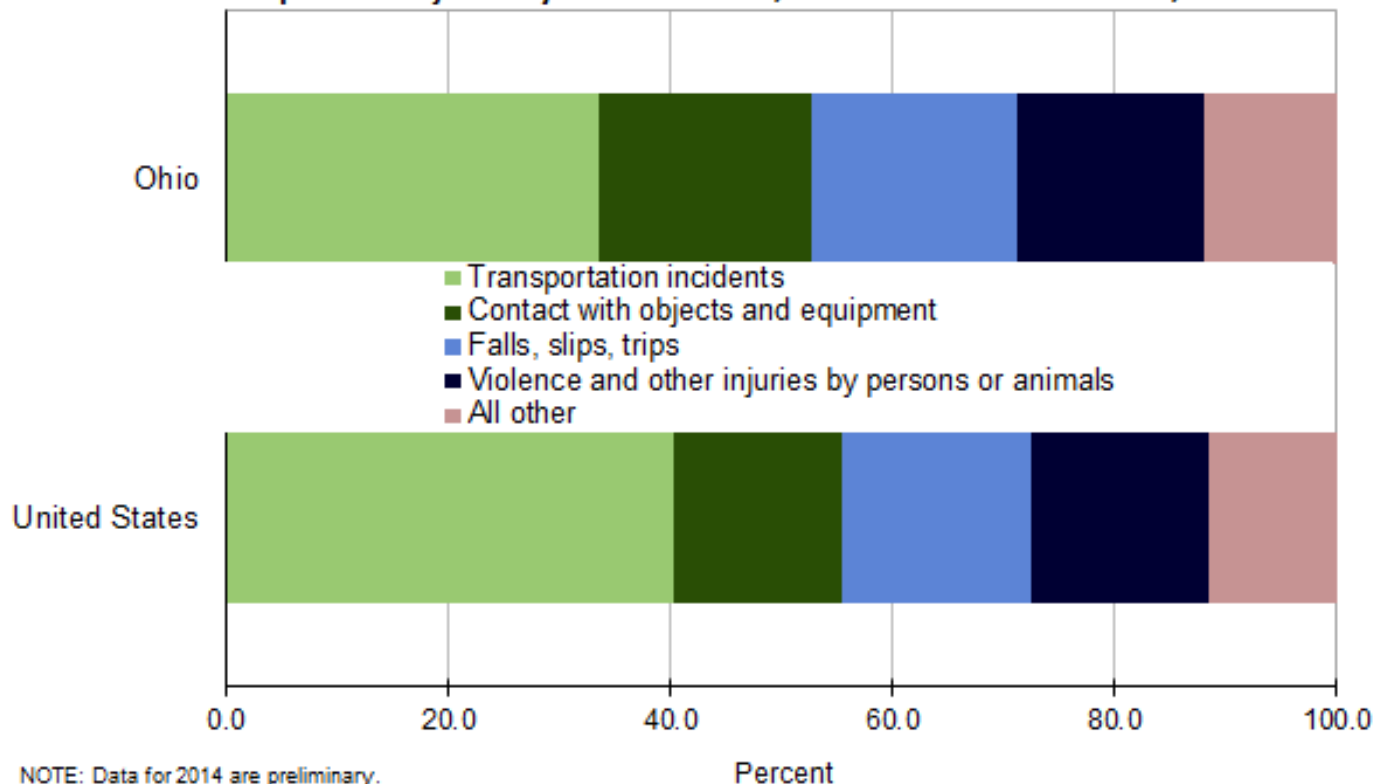
NOTE: Data for 2014 are preliminary.  
SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Of the 184 fatal work injuries reported in Ohio in 2014, 62 resulted from transportation incidents, 35 from contact with objects and equipment, and 34 from falls, slips, or trips. Together these three major categories accounted for over 70 percent of all fatal work injuries reported in the state. (See [table 1](#).) Other major event categories each reported 31 or fewer deaths.

Within transportation incidents, roadway incidents involving motorized land vehicles was the most frequent type of workplace fatality with 33 deaths, accounting for 18 percent of all on-the-job fatalities in the state. In the contact with objects and equipment category, 20 workplace fatalities occurred as a result of being struck by an object or equipment. In the falls, slips, or trips category, 23 deaths occurred from falls to a lower level. (Note that roadway incident counts presented in this release are expected to rise when updated 2014 data are released in the late spring of 2016 because key source documentation detailing specific transportation-related incidents has not yet been received.)

In the United States, transportation incidents were also the most frequent fatal workplace event in 2014, accounting for 40 percent of fatal work injuries. In Ohio, transportation incidents accounted for 34 percent of the state's share of fatalities. (See [chart 2](#).) Falls, slips, or trips was the second most frequent type of event nationally, with 17 percent of work-related fatalities; the share in Ohio was 18 percent. Violence and other injuries by persons or animals and contact with objects or equipment accounted for 16 percent and 15 percent of the nation's workplace fatalities, respectively. In the state, violence and other injuries by persons or animals accounted for 17 percent of workplace fatalities, while contact with objects and equipment was responsible for 19 percent of workplace fatalities.

**Chart 2. Fatal occupational injuries by selected event, Ohio and the United States, 2014**



#### Additional highlights:

- The construction industry had the largest number of fatalities in the state with 38, compared to 19 the previous year. Falls, slips, or trips accounted for 13 fatal work injuries in this industry (See [table 2](#).)
- Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting had the second highest fatality count with 29, followed by transportation and warehousing with 23 worker deaths. Transportation incidents accounted for the largest number deaths in each of these industries.

- Transportation and material moving occupations had the highest number of fatal work injuries with 46. Motor vehicle operators suffered 36 fatalities and material moving workers, 7 deaths. (See [table 3.](#))
- Men accounted for 168, or 91 percent, of the work-related fatalities in the state. (See [table 4.](#)) Transportation incidents made up 33 percent of these fatalities.
- In Ohio, 88 percent of those who died from a workplace injury were white non-Hispanics. Nationwide, this group accounted for 68 percent of work-related deaths.
- Workers 25-54 years old—the prime working age group—accounted for 109, or 59 percent, of the state’s work-related fatalities in 2014. Nationally, workers in this group accounted for 58 percent of on-the-job fatalities.
- Of the 184 fatal work injuries in Ohio, 71 percent worked for wages and salaries; the remainder were self-employed. The most frequent fatal event for wage and salary workers and for the self-employed was transportation incidents.

### Technical Note

**Background of the program.** The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, part of the BLS occupational safety and health statistics program, compiles a count of all fatal work injuries occurring in the United States during the calendar year. The program uses diverse state, federal, and independent data sources to identify, verify, and describe fatal work injuries. This ensures counts are as complete and accurate as possible.

For technical information about the CFOI program, please go to the BLS Handbook of Methods on the BLS web site at [www.bls.gov/opub/hom/pdf/homch9.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/opub/hom/pdf/homch9.pdf).

**Federal/State agency coverage.** The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries includes data for all fatal work injuries, whether the decedent was working in a job covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) or other federal or state agencies or was outside the scope of regulatory coverage. Thus, any comparison between the BLS fatality census counts and those released by other agencies should take into account the different coverage requirements and definitions being used by each agency.

**Acknowledgments.** The Bureau of Labor Statistics appreciates the efforts of all federal, state, local, and private sector entities that submitted source documents used to identify fatal work injuries.

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**Table 1. Fatal occupational injuries by event or exposure, Ohio, 2013–14**

Event or exposure <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	2014 <sup>(p)</sup>	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total.....	149	184	100
Violence and other injuries by persons or animals.....	23	31	17
Intentional injury by person.....	23	28	15
Homicides (Intentional injury by other person).....	16	18	10
Shooting by other person--intentional.....	12	17	9
Suicides (Self-inflicted injury--intentional).....	7	10	5
Hanging, strangulation, asphyxiation--intentional self-harm.....	4	5	3
Transportation incidents.....	52	62	34
Pedestrian vehicular incident.....	4	11	6
Roadway incidents involving motorized land vehicle.....	33	33	18
Roadway collision with other vehicle.....	22	19	10
Roadway collision--moving in same direction.....	5	6	3
Roadway collision--moving perpendicularly.....	4	5	3
Roadway collision with object other than vehicle.....	9	9	5
Vehicle struck object or animal on side of roadway.....	8	9	5
Roadway noncollision incident.....	--	5	3
Nonroadway incident involving motorized land vehicles.....	11	15	8
Nonroadway noncollision incident.....	9	12	7
Jack-knifed or overturned, nonroadway.....	7	8	4
Fires and explosions.....	4	5	3
Falls, slips, trips.....	33	34	18
Falls on same level.....	9	9	5
Falls to lower level.....	24	23	13
Other fall to lower level.....	18	18	10
Exposure to harmful substances or environments.....	7	17	9
Exposure to other harmful substances.....	4	14	8
Nonmedical use of drugs or alcohol--unintentional overdose.....	4	10	5
Contact with objects and equipment.....	30	35	19
Struck by object or equipment.....	21	20	11
Struck by powered vehicle--nontransport.....	11	8	4
Struck by falling object or equipment--other than powered vehicle.....	5	10	5
Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects.....	4	10	5
Caught in running equipment or machinery.....	4	9	5
Struck, caught, or crushed in collapsing structure, equipment, or material.....	5	5	3

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on the BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System (OIICS) 2.01 implemented for 2011 data forward.

<sup>(2)</sup> Totals for 2013 are revised and final.

<sup>(p)</sup> Data for 2014 are preliminary. Revised and final 2014 data are scheduled to be released in spring 2016.

NOTE: Totals for major categories may include subcategories not shown separately. Percentages may not add to totals because of rounding. CFOI fatality counts exclude illness-related deaths unless precipitated by an injury event. Dashes indicate no data reported or data that do not meet publication guidelines.

**Table 2. Fatal occupational injuries by industry, Ohio, 2013–14**

Industry <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	2014 <sup>(p)</sup>	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total.....	149	184	100
Private industry.....	140	170	92
Natural resources and mining.....	22	33	18
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.....	18	29	16
Crop production.....	16	26	14
Construction.....	19	38	21
Construction.....	19	38	21
Construction of buildings.....	3	8	4
Residential building construction.....	1	8	4
Residential building construction.....	1	8	4
Residential remodelers.....	1	5	3
Heavy and civil engineering construction.....	4	7	4
Specialty trade contractors.....	10	23	13
Building finishing contractors.....	1	7	4
Other specialty trade contractors.....	4	8	4
Site preparation contractors.....	4	7	4
Manufacturing.....	19	20	11
Manufacturing.....	19	20	11
Primary metal manufacturing.....	2	5	3
Trade, transportation, and utilities.....	44	42	23
Wholesale trade.....	7	8	4
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods.....	--	7	4
Retail trade.....	10	11	6
Transportation and warehousing.....	27	23	13
Truck transportation.....	23	14	8
General freight trucking.....	18	10	5
General freight trucking, long-distance.....	14	7	4
Transit and ground passenger transportation.....	3	5	3
Information.....	2	--	--
Financial activities.....	1	3	2
Professional and business services.....	10	9	5
Administrative and waste services.....	9	7	4
Administrative and support services.....	8	7	4
Services to buildings and dwellings.....	3	5	3
Landscaping services.....	2	5	3
Educational and health services.....	3	7	4
Health care and social assistance.....	--	5	3
Leisure and hospitality.....	12	11	6
Accommodation and food services.....	9	7	4
Food services and drinking places.....	8	6	3
Other services, except public administration.....	8	7	4
Other services, except public administration.....	8	7	4
Government <sup>(3)</sup> .....	9	14	8
Local government.....	7	11	6

<sup>(1)</sup> Industry data for 2013 are based on the North American Industry Classification System, 2007. Industry data for 2014 are based on the North American Industry Classification System, 2012.

<sup>(2)</sup> Totals for 2013 are revised and final.

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<sup>(3)</sup> Includes fatal injuries to workers employed by governmental organizations regardless of industry.

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**Table 3. Fatal occupational injuries by occupation, Ohio, 2013–14**

Occupation <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	2014 <sup>(p)</sup>	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total.....	149	184	100
Management occupations.....	22	26	14
Other management occupations.....	19	25	14
Farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural managers.....	14	21	11
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Computer and mathematical occupations.....	1	1	1
Life, physical, and social science occupations.....	1	--	--
Community and social services occupations.....	1	1	1
Legal occupations.....	1	1	1
Education, training, and library occupations.....	--	2	1
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations.....	3	1	1
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations.....	--	4	2
Healthcare support occupations.....	--	1	1
Protective service occupations.....	5	4	2
Food preparation and serving related occupations.....	3	2	1
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations.....	9	9	5
Grounds maintenance workers.....	5	6	3
Grounds maintenance workers.....	5	6	3
Landscaping and groundskeeping workers.....	3	5	3
Personal care and service occupations.....	--	1	1
Sales and related occupations.....	12	8	4
Supervisors of sales workers.....	8	7	4
First-line supervisors of sales workers.....	8	7	4
Office and administrative support occupations.....	--	4	2
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations.....	2	8	4
Agricultural workers.....	2	6	3
Miscellaneous agricultural workers.....	2	6	3
Farmworkers and laborers, crop, nursery, and greenhouse.....	1	5	3
Construction and extraction occupations.....	27	32	17
Construction trades workers.....	17	26	14
Construction laborers.....	7	12	7
Construction laborers.....	7	12	7
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	9	18	10
Other installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	4	10	5
Production occupations.....	11	11	6
Metal workers and plastic workers.....	4	7	4
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	40	46	25
Motor vehicle operators.....	33	36	20
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers.....	31	29	16
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers.....	26	23	13
Taxi drivers and chauffeurs.....	2	5	3
Taxi drivers and chauffeurs.....	2	5	3
Material moving workers.....	5	7	4

<sup>(1)</sup> Occupation data are based on the Standard Occupational Classification system, 2010.

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**Table 4. Fatal occupational injuries by worker characteristics, Ohio, 2013–14**

Worker characteristics	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2014 <sup>(p)</sup>	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total.....	149	184	100
Employee status.....			
Wage and salary <sup>(2)</sup> .....	115	130	71
Self-employed <sup>(3)</sup> .....	34	54	29
Gender.....			
Men.....	136	168	91
Women.....	13	16	9
Age <sup>(4)</sup> .....			
25 to 34 years.....	24	33	18
35 to 44 years.....	26	30	16
45 to 54 years.....	42	46	25
55 to 64 years.....	36	35	19
65 years and over.....	18	35	19
Race or ethnic origin <sup>(5)</sup> .....			
White, non-Hispanic.....	127	162	88
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic.....	16	16	9
Hispanic or Latino.....	--	3	2

<sup>(1)</sup> Totals for 2013 are revised and final.

<sup>(p)</sup> Data for 2014 are preliminary. Revised and final 2014 data are scheduled to be released in spring 2016.

<sup>(2)</sup> May include volunteers and workers receiving other types of compensation.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes self-employed workers, owners of unincorporated businesses and farms, paid and unpaid family workers, and may include some owners of incorporated businesses or members of partnerships.

<sup>(4)</sup> Information may not be available for all age groups.

<sup>(5)</sup> Persons identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. The race categories shown exclude Hispanic and Latino workers.

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